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SUBJECT: MAYOR KOSCHNICK'S VIEWS ON FUTURE OF FDP

IN UNISON WITH OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY OTHER POLITICAL OBSERVERS, MAYOR KOSCHNICK, AT A PRIVATE MEETING, EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, FOLLOWING THE DISASTER IN THE HAMBURG AND LOWER SAXONY ELECTIONS, THE FUTURE OF THE FDP WILL HINGE ON ITS SHOWING IN THE HESSEN LAND ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER. THE FATE OF THE FDP IS NATURALLY OF GREAT CONCERN TO SPD, WHICH, IN HESSEN, FACES THE FOLLOWING DILEMMA: SHOULD IT CONDUCT ITS OWN ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN A WAY THAT WILL OPTIMIZE THE SPD'S OWN PERFORMANCE IN THE LAND, BY AIMING AT AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (AND THEREBY HASTEN THE FDP'S DEMISE), OR SHOULD IT LEND SUPPORT TO THE FDP AS IT HAS DONE IN THE PREVIOUS ELECTION, BY INSTRUCTING SOME OF ITS FOLLOWERS TO CAST THEIR VOTES FOR THE FDP AND THUS HELP KEEP IT ALIVE? WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY SO, HE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SPD

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IS INCLINED TO FOLLOW THE LATTER ALTERNATIVE. AS NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD WHO IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FORMULATING HIS PARTY'S STRATEGY, KOSCHNICK'S VIEWS ARE LIKELY TO CARRY CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT. SCHIFFMAN

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